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Incompleted Projects in the Field of Economic Intelligence

1. About three months ago three projects were referred to the Director of Central Intelligence for study and appropriate action:

- (a) Foreign Potential Resources of Raw Materials;
- (b) Foreign Petroleum Developments;
- (c) Foreign Industrial Establishments.

This memorandum describes briefly the origin, purpose, action taken, and current status of said projects and makes recommendations for their future handling.

2. Project (a) to collect, analyze and present in useful form data on the economic war potentials of foreign countries originated with the Army-Navy Munitions Board. See ANMB memorandum attached to General Sorenson's letter of 7 November 1945 to Colonel McCormack on file in Information and Intelligence Branches. Project discussed with Industrial College of Armed Services, Army-Navy Munitions Board and Joint Logistics Plans Committee. It was agreed that Joint Logistics Committee would officially request C.I.G. to provide for the development of intelligence concerned with the economic war potentials of foreign areas; that these data be furnished the Industrial College for use in its analyses. This request will be forwarded to C.I.G. in the near future.
3. Project (b) to set up an interdepartmental committee to develop intelligence on foreign petroleum problems originated with the Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence. See memorandum of 2 April 1946 from Colonel McCormack to the Director of Central Intelligence Group on file in the Intelligence Branch. Project discussed with State Department, but no action taken.
4. Project (c) to collect, analyze and present in useful form data on foreign industrial establishments originated with the Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence. See memorandum of 14 March 1945 from Colonel McCormack to the Director of Central Intelligence Group on file in the Intelligence Branch. Project discussed at a C.I.G. sponsored meeting attended by representatives from State, Army, Navy, Air and Commerce. As a result of this meeting the Intelligence and Information Branches, C.P.S., prepared a memorandum (never sent) for transmittal to the departmental representatives who had attended the meeting recommending that an inter-agency committee be established to (a) evolve a plan whereby the resources available to the government be pooled and coordinated to produce complete intelligence on foreign industrial establishments; (b) submit said plan to C.I.G.; (c) upon approval of plan to become responsible for the execution and maintenance of the project.
5. Further action on this project is being planned.

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of directives to establish inter-agency committees to coordinate the collection and research in the field of economic intelligence.

6. It is recommended that all three of the above projects be referred to the Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff for study and appropriate action.